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**ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION**

Examiner Elahee

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's request for the issues to be discussed in the upcoming phone interview of June 15, 2004, Applicant presents the following brief summary thereof:

Each of the independent claims recites either "quantify" or "quantifying." Applicants assert that the phrase should be read in light of the definition given in the specification at page 15, lines 7-9. Such an interpretation is consistent with M.P.E.P. §2111.01, which specifies how such phrases should be interpreted when deciding patentability. Amending the claims to add language that tracks the definition in the specification would add neither new matter nor new issues. Further, the cited art does not teach or suggest such feature.